Reporting Committee - Executive Other Committee - Events

Late Submission 178-00P

OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

A submission from the Executive Committee

Proposal

No outside assistance including any forms of electronic equipment can be used either by the competitor or their support staff from the time the competitor leaves the boat park until they return to shore except as stated in Late Submission 179-00. Any abuse of this regulation may be cause for disqualification of the complete team from the event.

Reason

The Olympics are a test of "Talent" not "Technology". Although up to now the brain overload caused by the coaches and their massive data input has not been detrimental to the success of the wealthier teams' sailors, as shown up to now in both Savannah and Sydney there will be a breakthrough in technology which could destroy "fair sailing". Act now before the disaster strikes.

Recommendation to Council November 2000 - Minute 3(a)(xviii)

<u>Recommendation</u>

The Executive Committee recommends that Council approve Submission 178-00P.

Council Decision

This matter was deferred to the 2001 Mid-Year Meeting.

Recommendation to Council May 2001 – Minute 5(m)

<u>Recommendation</u>

The President presented this submission, which was based on the desire to ensure the Olympic Regatta remains a test of talent, and not to allow countries to use technology via communication during racing to benefit their sailors.

It was noted that it was to the benefit of all that in Sydney that coach boats had been allowed on the course areas, but it had produced some adverse consequences, which should not be permitted in the future.

It was also recommended that ISAF introduce "Codes of Conduct" for coaches/team support members during the Olympic Regatta and other prominent events.

The Events Committee Chairman presented the opinion of the Committee meeting of 4 May 2001 that the Committee supported the principle of the submission but felt that the wording needs further clarification and that the submission should be referred to the Events Committee Format Working Party.

Council Decision

Council supported the concept and intent of the submission and referred it to the Events Committee Olympic Format working party which is charged to make a final proposal in November 2001.